



August 12, 2012

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

*...a community of faith and love*

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How lovely is your dwelling place...

- Psalm 84



25th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Matthew Catholic Church

*We at St. Matthew Catholic Church  
are a community of faith and love  
dedicated to our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We are committed to spiritual growth  
through active worship, education and ministry.  
We provide an environment to support a Christ-centered way of life.  
Through our actions others will be drawn to Christ.*

[www.SaintMatthews.org](http://www.SaintMatthews.org)

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday, 8:00 am - 12 noon

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 5:00 pm  
Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Monday - Friday, 8:05 am  
Please check bulletin for changes

**Holyday Mass Schedule:**

8:05 am & 7:00pm

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Monday noon, in writing.

**Confessions:**

Saturday afternoon, 3:45—4:45 pm,  
or by appointment.

**Who is a parishioner?**

One who is registered and regularly participates in the liturgical life of the parish and demonstrates support of the parish mission by completing and fulfilling an annual commitment of time, treasure and talent.

**To register in the Parish:**

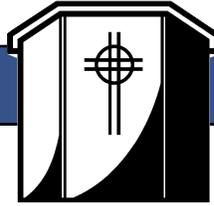
We welcome anyone interested in being an active member of our parish. Please call the Parish Office (232-5012) and an introductory letter and information regarding the registration process will be sent to you.

**Baptisms:**

First time parents (or those who have not attended a class within the last three years) must attend instruction classes, which are held monthly. Classes are held at the Parish Conference Center (use driveway entrance at 27th and Virginia). Parent(s) must be registered in the parish a minimum of 4 months prior to the baptism. Parent(s) must contact the church office to sign up for the class. Baptisms are celebrated monthly, information on dates is given out at the class.

**Marriages:**

Church law requires individuals to be registered and active in the parish no less than six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Couples are then required to contact Fr. Jerry at least 8 months prior to the anticipated wedding date and **BEFORE** making any other arrangements or reserving a reception hall.



# FATHER'S FORUM

## "ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH"

This weekend we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church of St. Matthew. Archbishop Ignatius J. Strecker joined then pastor, Fr. Ray Burger to dedicate our Church on August 30, 1987. Our parish, formed in 1955, began celebrating the Mass at the Armory on 21st Street. On August 24, 1958 our first church / school was dedicated and Mass was celebrated in the basement of Trompeter Gym (now our Early Learning Center). Then, beginning Easter, April 17, 1960, Masses began to be celebrated in our current gym.

Under the leadership of Fr. Burger, and years of planning and raising of funds, construction began on our current church on May 5, 1886 at a total cost of \$1,437,463.00. *(This is \$1 million less than it cost to build our new grand entry and parish hall).*

So what is the importance of a church and its dedication? Ezekiel 47 gives us one important reason. Because the liturgical worship that goes on inside, most especially the Eucharist, is the "source and summit" of our entire Christian life.

Some have berated the Catholic Church for using the 'finest' and spending so much money on a church as they believe it could be used for the poor or for better things. Funny thing. Jesus, who cared greatly for the poor, did not have this attitude. As a child, he yearned to spend time in Herod's sumptuous temple (Luke 2). As an adult, he defended its integrity against the moneychangers (John 2). Francis of Assisi, who gave away all his possessions, begged for money to buy materials to restore ruined churches which he rebuilt with his own hands.

The world is a dusty, tiring place that often beats us down. The Church building is a haven, a quiet refuge, a place to encounter God. Here we drink deeply of life-giving waters of word and sacrament that revive our drooping spirits (Psalm 23). The grace that flows from the altar bears us back into the world, changed, and able to change others, bringing healing and bearing fruit.

Our Judeo-Christian Tradition views the Church building as a mirror, that, held up before us, reminds us of who we are. The world tells us that we are consumers, employees and voters, and flashes a constant stream of icons at us every day to remind us of this. The Church building is an icon that reminds us of our deepest identity. As we gather for Mass, we who were scattered by diverse loyalties, professions, and life-styles, are now united as the Body of Christ and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

From the new roof and new skylights and windows, to our beautiful new stained glass windows and crucifix, our new altar furniture and altar, to the new lights, drywall, paint, etc., we remind ourselves that we as children of God are church as we come to our church to be nourished and renewed. We must care for this sacred space as we care for the gift of our lives. This space is to be kept holy and should never be used as a place for school plays or a concert hall, a social spot or a photography studio. This is the house of God and where the most Holy sacrifice of the Mass occurs.

Let us allow zeal for God's house to consume us as it did Jesus and Francis, that we may embrace the task of purification, renewal and rebuilding given to us by our God.

God bless,

*F. Jerry*

# St. Matthew's Parish: "The Refrigerator Page"

This page is provided for you to add to your family's information center, the "frig!"

## MASS INTENTIONS August 12th—August 19th

**Monday** ..... Saints Pontian and Hippolytus  
*NO Mass*

**Tuesday** ..... St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe  
*8:05 a.m. - Bill Droegemueller*

**Wednesday** ..... Feast of The Assumption  
*8:05 a.m. - Rose Albright*  
*7:00 p.m. - Mark Coker*

**Thursday** ..... St. Stephen of Hungary  
*8:05 a.m. - Ethel Lacore*

**Friday** ..... Ordinary Time  
*8:05 a.m. - Mary Carpenter*

**Saturday** ..... Vigil, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*5:00 p.m. - Leo and Marie Petesch*

**Sunday** ..... 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*8:00 a.m. - St. Matthew Parishioners*  
*10:30 a.m. - Virgil Rodecap*



**PRAYER CORNER...** *We pray for those among us who are ill and for their caregivers, those experiencing a hardship or difficulty and for those in the Armed Forces. To place someone's name on the prayer corner, please call the Parish Office (232-5012).*

Valerie (Field) Wilhelmson • Jack Holmberg • Terry Randles • Laine Tangeman • Easton Moore • Marion Bechtold • Ana • Annette Mulanox • Sara Schafer • Fred Shaw • Kevin Weber • Margaret Comeau • Thelma Krallman • Karl Alber • Joshua • Scott Strobel • Rachel De Palma • Jeanette Holthaus • John Lorson • George Menge • Darleen Blevins • Faye Marney • Christian Farrant • Nathan Martin • Mary Carr • Kathy Barnard • Deb Escobar • Rebecca • Andrew Martin • Norma McIntyre • Ann Thimmesch • Mary Hefley • Pam and Bobby King • Tony, Harry and Delores Kiehl • Tom Bohm • Bunny Bray • Teresa Lerma • Joe Menge • Sr. Corita Conlan • Gena Wiggins • Leonard Cullison • Carolyn Peck • Stephanie Figueroa • Lisa Simpson • Jim Halpin • Betty Ketter • Gene Hinton • Calli Basler • LaDonna Cunningham • Rosalie Goodwin • Rick and Sherri Veltman • Mary Angela Carroll • Gary Smith • Megan Kelly • Margaret Shields • Ron Kelsey • Ed Robertson • Joe Taliaferro • Mary Kay Boerner • Easton Weishaar • Chase Ensley • Kevin Brennan • Kate and Joseph Blocker • Melanie Stadler • Sara Weishaar • Marcella Melton • Marie Putnam • Patricia A. Gonzales • Regis Campbell • Bob Hess • Mark Dickey • Bruce Scott • Ruth Lampe • Errol Saville • Jack Bone • Liam Newsome • Joe Ehalt, Jr. • Bill Paulussen • Bob Paulussen • Kyle Lindteigen

### FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Dylan Treadwell • Austin Brinker • Tashina Miller • Nick Newsom • Darrell Linenberger • Josh Hahn • Matthew Pawley • Ulric Baumgardner • Dexter Holliday • Shane Lacaille • Mark Pawley • Doc Treadwell • Marvin Fehrenbach • Billy Fehrenbach • Dennis Mulryan • Paul Shipley • Craig Loughlin • Richard Kolbek • Ryan Conley • Abraham Sipe • Christopher Day Johnson • Nicholas Gawdun • Alan Bennett • Angelo Cruz • Kyle Conley • Abby Hays • Alvin Pierce • Roberto Caceres • Melissa-Jo Rivera • Mike Perry • Chad May • Barry Price • Dalan Pittz • Anthony Stallbaumer • Paul Alber • Nathan Hunt • Bryan Smith • Glenn Ortiz • Frank Narvaez • Larry Thomas • Michael Tibbits • Danielle Burke • Michael Mathewson • Jesse Adams • Russell Staley • Greg Cochran • Daniel Schiefelbein, Jr. • Jason Dolan • Steven Klumpe • Woody Sisson • Kristin Mathewson • Bill Taylor • Heather Smith • Scott Slyter • Chris Bonilla • Scott Payne • Steven T. Wyer

### Sunday, 8/12

8:00am Mass/Church  
10:30am Mass/Church  
12:00pm Dinner to Celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Matthew Church/Parish Hall

### Monday, 8/13

*(since the gym is closed for refinishing, the next Men's Open Gym Night will be August 27<sup>th</sup>)*

### Tuesday, 8/14

6:30pm Pastoral Council/St. Matthew Rm  
6:30pm Women's Organization Board Mtg/St. Luke Rm

### Wednesday, 8/15...Feast of the Assumption of Mary

8:05am Mass/Church  
6:00pm Garden Club/Parish Grounds  
7:00pm Mass/Church

### Thursday, 8/16

4:00pm-7:00pm School Enrollment/Parish Hall  
5:30pm Centering Prayer/Weekday Chapel  
5:45pm Peace & Justice Committee/St. Luke Rm

### Friday, 8/17

### Saturday, 8/18

3:45pm Confessions/Church  
"Simple Abundance" Food Collection Weekend  
5:00pm Mass/Church  
6:15pm Six Dates for Catholic Couples/Parish Hall West

### Sunday, 8/19

WELCOME SUNDAY: donuts & coffee in Parish Hall following both Masses  
"Simple Abundance" Food Collection Weekend  
8:00am Mass/Church  
10:30am Mass/Church  
12:00pm Liturgy Committee/St. Luke Rm

# SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE UPDATE

	Weekly Total (8/05/2012)	Total Rec'd Fiscal YTD*
Envelopes	\$ 25,672.00	\$ 102,668.55
Automated Giving	289.00	25,384.00
Children's Envelopes	74.26	288.52
Plate	550.00	3,501.38
	<u>\$ 26,585.26</u>	<u>\$ 131,842.45</u>
*Average Weekly Income Needed:		\$ 23,483.85
Total Previous YTD Income		\$ 160,041.66
Total Budget YTD Income		\$ 138,244.53
Income Over/(Under) Current YTD Budget		(\$ 6,402.08)
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,601.00	\$ 53,726.00
Current Parish Debt		\$ 95,057.67

\*Current Fiscal Year = 7/1/12—6/30/13 YTD = Year To Date

### ARE YOU AN ACTIVE PARISH STEWARD?

- Making a commitment to practice stewardship as a way of life.
- Participating at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
- Practicing the faith in all areas of your life.
- Supporting various programs, ministries, activities and organizations.
- Pledging and tithing sacrificially to the parish.

**If you are new to St. Matthew  
and would like to register in the Parish,  
please join us for the next  
WELCOME SUNDAY  
August 19th  
following the 8 a.m.  
and 10:30 a.m. Mass  
in the Grand Entry/Gathering Space.**

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the Second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

### STEWARD OF THE WEEK

Thank you to the many volunteers who showed up to help on Saturday, August 4th, our annual parish work day. Special thanks to **Alan and Rose Spicer** who chaired the work day. Many projects were completed and the Church and School are now in great shape for our celebration on August 12th and the beginning of School on August 21st. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

### CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE

- The church renovation project is close to being complete. All the new lighting fixtures are in place and are operational (ceiling lights, lights above the center aisle, lights on the Stations of the Cross and spotlights on the statues), the drywall has all been repaired and the interior of the church has been painted, the new pew seats have been installed, the acoustical fabric covering the speaker enclosures above the sanctuary has been replaced, the wood facing on the soffit around the perimeter of the church has been reinstalled, the black columns on either side of the main crucifix have been cleaned and polished from top to bottom, and the carpets have all been cleaned. The inside of the church is looking GREAT!
- There is still some painting that will take place in areas like the restrooms, the sacristy, etc. This will be done in the weeks to come. There is also some touch up work that will be done to the church ceiling.
- Thanks to everyone for your patience during this project and for putting up with any inconvenience that might have come along with it. In the long run, it was well worth it and our church will continue to serve our community for many years to come.

# AROUND ST. MATTHEW'S



## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

**Marita Lee**, mother of Richard Lee.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with their loved ones in this time of sadness.*

## SCHEDULING OF MEETING ROOMS

It is the time of year when many of the parish committees/groups/organizations are setting their schedules for fall meetings and events. It is very important that any events/activities/meetings be on the parish calendar. It assures your group/organization that you will have a place to gather. There are many activities that take place around the parish facilities and if you don't schedule a meeting room in advance, there's a good chance you might show up and not have a place to meet. To schedule a meeting room, please contact the Parish Office (232-5012) or email [rjbrox@saintmatthews.org](mailto:rjbrox@saintmatthews.org).

## FALL FESTIVAL

- Mark your calendar for our Fall Festival Weekend, **October 27/28, 2012.**
- We are in need of a chairperson(s) for the **Outdoor Games**. Please call Tom or Rose Smith (266-4949) or Gary or Judy Menke (233-0650) for more information
- Donations of **used jewelry and religious items** (small statues, rosaries, etc.) are needed. You may leave donations in the box in the foyer of church. Thank you for donating items now so that we can begin cleaning and preparing them for display.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12TH

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51  
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/  
Lk 1:39-56  
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1  
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

## VIRTUS TRAINING

Anyone who will work with or come in contact with the children of our parish **MUST** have Virtus training. This includes those who will volunteer as a coach, room parent, Scout leader, field trip driver, religious education teacher, etc. This training is very important for the protection of children and is an Archdiocesan requirement. Please register to attend any of the following sessions.

- Mater Dei Parish, Assumption Campus, 204 SW 8th Avenue, Saturday, August 25th, 9 a.m.
- Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, 1800 SW Stone, Saturday, September 15th, 9 a.m.

Register by going to [www.archkck.org](http://www.archkck.org) and click on VIRTUS at the top right-hand part of the page. Then click on *Virtus to Protect God's Children*, then choose Kansas City in Kansas, and scroll through the choices for training times and dates.

Attention, Lectors! **THE LECTOR WORKBOOK** is a very useful resource for lectors preparing to proclaim God's Word. It is the workbook discussed at training. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the workbook for the upcoming 2013 Liturgical Year, please notify the Parish Office no later than September 14th. The cost of the workbook is \$12. You may pay for the workbook when you pick it up following delivery. The new liturgical year begins November 25th and you will want to have your workbook by then. Don't delay, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible to place your order.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration builds community because the Eucharist is the Sacrament of unity. Please call Sue (354-7762) if you can help with one of these hours or an hour of your choice.

- Sunday, 6 p.m., 8 p.m.
- Monday, 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.
- Tuesday, 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11 a.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m.
- Thursday, 10 p.m.
- It is vacation time again. Please let Sue know if you have a sub covering your hour so she knows who to call if there is a problem.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION** will be held August 18th/19th and again on August 25th/26th in the Grand Entry. If you have not already registered, please do so as soon as possible. Religious Education Classes begin Wednesday, September 5th and Sunday, September 9th.

### **FAITH: THE NEXT GENERATION – PASS IT ON!**

Boldly go where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, over 200 children and young people, preschool through

grade 8, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. At this time, almost half of these children and young people have no catechist to teach them. You can help by becoming a catechist for the St. Matthew Religious Education Program. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. If interested or for more information, contact Cheryl Byrne at the Parish Office (232-5012, ext. 205) or email [cheryl@saintmatthews](mailto:cheryl@saintmatthews).

## SCHOOL NEWS

If you were not able to pick up your **ENROLLMENT PACKET** this past weekend, please stop by the School Office between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Monday—Friday) or call the school to make other arrangements. **The enrollment process will be greatly expedited if you are able to have all your forms filled out before you get to enrollment on Thursday, August 16 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

If you have gently used SMCS uniforms that you would like to donate to the **USED UNIFORM SALE**, please bring them to the School Office the week of August 12th. The Used Uniform Sale will be held during enrollment on August 16th. Questions, please contact Lisa Oyerly (231-8949).

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

August 21st, First day of School, Noon Dismissal  
August 24th, PTO Tailgate Party  
August 28th, Back to School Night  
August 30th, Health Day (vision/hearing screenings)

Thanks to the 47 families who have signed up for their **SMART TUITION** accounts. Contact Mrs. Huscher if you are interested in learning more about this program ([huscherh@saintmatthews.org](mailto:huscherh@saintmatthews.org)).

## THE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEKEND, August 18th/19th

We try to make each bag identical to include the items listed below, enough food to get someone through an emergency situation. Please place your donations in the appropriate tub when you bring them to church to assist us in sorting. Thank you for your generosity to the people of our community! Monetary donations are appreciated, but food items can be put to use immediately.

Cereal	Peanut Butter	Canned Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce	Tuna	Pasta/Spaghetti
Soup	Saltine Crackers	
Canned Vegetables	Boxed Mac & Cheese	
Toilet Paper		



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## DO YOU WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC, KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES, OR WANT TO LEARN



### MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH YOURSELF?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), or the Catechumenate, is the process the Catholic Church has to teach people about our Catholic faith, so that adults may join our community or renew their commitment to the Catholic Church. This group meets Thursday evenings, beginning August 23rd, from 7—9 p.m. If they feel called, these adults are either baptized or received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Fr. Jerry at the Parish Office (232-5012) or by email [frjer@saintmatthews.org](mailto:frjer@saintmatthews.org).

## CAN YOU HELP THOSE THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The formation of inquirers into the Catholic Church is the responsibility of the entire community. Here at St. Matthew's, in addition to the RCIA/RCIC team members, there are a number of roles that could be filled. Please call or email Fr. Jerry, 232-5012 or [frjer@saintmatthews.org](mailto:frjer@saintmatthews.org) to select yours.

- **Sponsor** — You would accompany an inquirer throughout the RCIA/RCIC process: attend the Thursday evening catechetical sessions (beginning August 23rd and continuing through April) for the adults, listen to the inquirer (as a confidante, not in judgment), respond to the inquirer's questions from your own faith experiences, participate in Sunday Mass with the inquirers, invite and accompany the inquirer to parish activities. A side benefit is the renewal experience in the sponsors themselves.
- **Prayer Partner** — You would be given the name of an inquirer and would pray for that person with the intention that he/she is able to discern and accept God's will. This prayer is private. The prayer partner chooses the particular prayers and the time.
- **Refreshment Provider** — You would be contacted throughout the year to schedule the date or dates on which you would provide refreshments (usually one person is needed each week). The refreshments may be home-cooked or store bought. Cookies, brownies, chips, dips, veggies, fruit, cheese and crackers are popular items, but what you donate is up to you.

## CATHOLICISM...*Journey Around the World and Deep Into the Faith*

- Fr. Jerry will be the facilitator for this Adult Faith Formation opportunity.
- The class will **begin on August 30th** continuing through November 15th; **Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall
- **Study Guide, \$10** (preferred, but not required) If you would like to order a copy, please call the Parish Office. Enrollment forms are also available in the foyer of Church.

With creator and host Father Robert Barron, you will learn what Catholics believe and why, while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic tradition. Filmed in 50 locations throughout 15 countries, the Catholicism DVD series is on-location and in the streets illustrating the splendor of the global Church. The Adult Formation Program expands and reinforces the content of the DVDs with extensive commentary and questions for understanding and application. Father Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago, and one of the world's great and most innovative teachers of the Catholic faith. He is the founder of *Word on Fire Catholic Ministries*.

## CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

*Have you ever...wondered about the Biblical foundations of Church teaching?*

*...been asked questions about your faith you couldn't answer?*

Catholic Scripture Study can help. Study scripture in the light of Church teaching! Experience is not necessary — beginners are welcome! **Classes begin on Monday, September 10th and Tuesday, September 11th.** Classes will be held on Monday evenings, 6:30 - 8 pm and Tuesday afternoons, 1:30—3 p.m. **We will be studying Romans.** Trusted authors such as Dr. Scott Hahn, Mark Shea, Steve Ray and Carl Olson. Lecture with every lesson given by a Catholic Priest. Don't miss the opportunity to grow in your faith and build a stronger Christian community in the process. **Pre-Registration is required. Registration forms are available in the foyer of church or visit the website [www.SaintMatthews.org](http://www.SaintMatthews.org), scroll down on right side to Parish Documents.** These are orientation sessions...materials will be distributed and questions answered. Please note: Childcare will be offered on Monday night only and parent(s) needing childcare will take turns on a rotating basis; parent(s) must have completed Virtus Training. For more information about CSS visit [www.CatholicScriptureStudy.com](http://www.CatholicScriptureStudy.com).

# REGIONAL NEWS

**MATER DEI PARISH, Open House and Special Mass on Saturday, August 18th at the Mater Dei Assumption Site.** Both Mater Dei Church of the Assumption and the Kansas Catholic Conference Office (the former Assumption Rectory) will be open before and after Mass to view the newly renovated areas. Archbishop Naumann will be here to celebrate Mass at 4:00 pm and to dedicate the new Altar, Baptismal Font and to bless the restored painting of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary by artist James O'Neill which will be on display. Refreshments will be served. (There will not be a 5:00 pm Mass at Mater Dei Holy Name Church on Saturday, August 18th.) All are welcome!

## **MARIAN PRO-LIFE EVENING OF PRAYER**

About six months ago, Fr. Tom Hesse approached the Marian Mass group in Topeka. He proposed that this group that met monthly for Mass and other prayers be combined with those who wished also to pray for the right to life. The Marian Mass people graciously agreed to this. It was decided the evening of prayer would be for the intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and for the sanctity of human life. Fr. Hesse offered to be the chaplain of the newly formed prayer gathering which would meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Confessions are at 6:15 p.m. While this is going on, the rosary is recited followed by the reading of the messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary in Medjugore. Mass begins at 7 p.m. with a talk at the end of Mass. Benediction concludes the evening. **The next Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, August 22nd at Sacred Heart Church.**

## **GOLF TOURNAMENTS**

- **Knights of Columbus Council 7769, Osage City/Scranton, 4 Person Scramble, August 25th, 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**, entry fee \$220/team includes green fees, lunch and 8 drink tickets (beer/soda). Cash payouts for top 2 teams in each flight. \$5,000 Hole in One Prize and drawings. To enter for more information, contact Osage City Country Club (785)528-3329 or Walt Henrie (620)528-3376. Deadline to enter is August 21st.
- **KANSANS FOR LIFE, 10TH ANNUAL 100-HOLE GOLF MARATHON, Monday, September 10th, 8 a.m.—4 p.m.**, Lake Perry Country Club in Ozawkie. There is no entry fee; golfers are asked to raise \$500 in pledges (KFL will help with fundraising). All donations are tax-deductible and will benefit Topeka Area Crisis Pregnancy Centers and the KFL Education Fund. For more information or to sign up to golf, please contact Jeanne at (785)234-2998 or email [topeka@klf.org](mailto:topeka@klf.org).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) METHODS** represent authentic family planning. They can be used to both achieve and to postpone a pregnancy. NFP makes use of periodic abstinence from sexual intercourse based upon the observation of the woman's natural signs of fertility in order to space births or to limit the number of children when there is a serious reason to do so...this practice fosters in couples an attitude of respect and wonder in the face of human life, which is sacred. (*Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009, p. 20).

- **Mother Teresa FertilityCare CENTER** — Free introductory sessions are the third Monday evening of every month. The next sessions are **August 20th, September 17th and October 15th at 7:00 pm in Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church** (pre-registration is required for the above dates.) We can accommodate other teaching times as needed. Call 785-806-0843 or email [fertilitycare@colbern.net](mailto:fertilitycare@colbern.net) to register or with questions.
- **NFP INTRODUCTORY SESSION, Marian Clinic, Sunday, August 19th, 2—5 p.m.**, 1001 Garfield (across 10th and Garfield from the library, use 10th Street entrance, down 5 steps to patio level and ring buzzer for entrance). This method assists couples in spacing children without use of contraception. Couples having difficulty achieving a pregnancy can also use it effectively. No reservations are necessary. All married or engaged couples are welcome.

## **SACRED HEART-ST. JOSEPH PARISH BASEMENT**

**SALE, August 23rd and 24th** from 8 am to 4 pm, and August 25th from 8 am to noon at the Sacred Heart site.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES** is seeking an individual for a full-time grounds keeping position, hours Monday through Saturday. Backhoe experience is a plus but not needed. Must be a fast learner and flexible on hours. Interested individuals should contact Sharon Vallejo at 785-272-0820 or email your resume to [svallejo@cathcemks.org](mailto:svallejo@cathcemks.org)